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Manager, Personnel Department
from
K. Kramidi
on
W. EPISCHEN

April 3, 1962

In accordance with your desire to learn more or less exact details about Mr. Epischew's trip to the Homeland, I can give you the following information:

At 3 o'clock today I visited Mrs. Epischew at her apartment. She is still suffering from her boutillness, even though they have lived for a long time now under the same roof as complete strangers. Before his departure, he showed her warm friendly feelings. Upon his saying good-bye to her, he cried and kissed not only her but also the dog and the walls of the apartment.

He received his visa to enter the Soviet Union on Monday, March 25 and on March 28 he left for Bonn. From Bonn he wrote two postcards and one letter within two days. The Soviet Embassy in Bonn welcomed him warmly and with courtesy. There he received a document to the effect that he was a Soviet citizen and was further sent by train to Berlin. Mr. Epischew had to make this trip on his own. In all three letters to his wife, he tried to talk her into returning to Russian land, he says, they will meet there again. In every letter he asks her to take good care of the dog and to bring it with her.

From East Berlin he wrote two postcards. In the first one he wrote that the Soviet Embassy met him with friendly but not special interest (which is normal); that they gave him two hours free in order to do some sightseeing in the city and that during this time his papers were prepared. He thought that he could leave Berlin on Monday, March 30. In his last postcard he again urged his wife to return and ship her baggage not from Bonn to Berlin, but right to the place of destination (from Bonn to Berlin one has to change the train and there is some trouble with the luggage). On this postcard he also wrote that she thinks that he will have to appear on the radio. Before his departure from Munich, Mr. Epischew specifically confirmed that he would not appear on the radio, even if they tried to force him to.

Mrs. Epischew requested me to give her the text of his speech, if her husband really appears on radio. I promised to do so. She herself is exchanging letters with her sister who wrote her that if she could come, they could again, as in the past, sleep in one bed and that she could even obtain two eggs for New Year's holiday. A commentary is superfluous. She said that she does not think about returning there and, although she is ill and alone, she will stay here.

13 July 1961

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Special Staff Analyst

Vasily Spinkov

1. On Thursday, 13 July, Mr. Kubik, Chief of the Monitoring Section, discussed with the undersigned the most recent indications that subject may be planning to return to the Soviet Union. In the past, reports of his plans to return have emanated largely from his wife, also an emigré and very sensitive to the fact that subject has another (and earlier) family still living in Moscow and with financial and moral claims on subject's salary and affection. Mr. Condon, ACL Security Officer, has been advised periodically of the wife's assertions about her husband's intentions.
2. It now appears that subject has on his own initiative recently contacted the USSR Consulate in Bonn, asking under what condition he may return to the USSR for "purely personal, family reasons." He claims that he made it clear to the Consulate he was not returning for political reasons.
3. Three factors seem to have influenced subject to make known his intentions to return. His closest friend in the emigration, and the only one in whom he could confide, died some six months ago of cancer, and subject has been very depressed as a result. He now has no real friend in Munich and thinks of old friends still in the USSR. Secondly, his much younger wife has been taking in a number of young male boarders and subject is not blind to his wife's activity; the loyalty of wife #1 still in the USSR has a strong appeal as a result. Thirdly, a letter from one of his sons in Moscow has reminded him of his parental responsibilities; the son has pointed out (undoubtedly with KGB assistance) that he and the rest of the family can expect no worthwhile educational or employment opportunities as long as the husband (and father) is in the emigration. While he has made no final decision, subject is thinking very seriously now of returning to the USSR.
4. As a first step in exploring the situation more fully, we recommend that Mr. Condon, ACL Security Officer, and Mr. Kraminski, Personnel Department, discuss the matter in detail with subject to determine his intentions and to clarify the story as we now have it from Mr. Kubik.

EPISCHEW, Vasily

Termination (Resignation)

28 Feb 1961

Senior Monitor

RLD

Monitoring Section

Grade 8.V, DM 1,075 + DM 110 allowance

"Termination in accordance with
expressed wishes of employee."